



ADR Request from Oregon Toxics Alliance

Nancy Helm to: Running Grass

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Cc: Ashley Zanolli, Judith Lee, Dan Meyer, Paul Koprowski, Ted Yackulic, Rick Albright, Dave Bray, Madonna Narvaez, Monica Kirk

Running Grass,

I'm writing to make sure you know what my unit is currently doing to respond to this request and to see if we can get some clarity on next steps in the process.

I have asked Dan Meyer, one of my permit engineers, to contact LRAPA and gather some information regarding actual emissions increases from the Seneca Sawmill cogen project and the permit requirements for control technology and monitoring. I expect Dan to get that done sometime this week. When Dan completes this task he will write a brief summary for OAWT managers. I don't feel that we will be able to make a recommendation regarding a response to the OTA until we have that information.

From the string of e-mails you forwarded to Ashley Zanolli it looks like many folks in EPA and ODEQ have received inquiries about this concern, that's why I am copying so many people on my e-mail. It also looks to me like LRAPA, the permitting authority for this project is being open and responsive to OTA so I'm not clear what "dispute" we would be attempting to resolve. Perhaps the technical information that my unit can provide about the permit will help with this question.

I think it would be a good idea for you to try to put some boundaries on this issue by (1) making sure that everyone who has been contacted so far has the same information available; (2) clarifying for everyone the question or questions to which we are trying to respond; and (3) working with your management to assign the lead on our response to the letter which OTA addressed to you, and determine with which offices that person needs to coordinate on the response.

Thanks

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